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PARMA PLANS FOR UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

Parma, OH – Mayor Dean DePiero today announced the formation of an advisory committee to research and establish guidelines for the creation of a “Ukrainian Village” concept for State Road stretching from Brookpark Road to Grantwood Avenue.

“The idea was originally proposed by parishioners of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral who felt that the concentration of Ukrainian owned or based businesses, churches and banks should be recognized and celebrated,” stated Mayor DePiero.

“After further discussion with my development staff, we felt that the proposal had merit and could be an important first step as we look to upgrade the appearance and viability of our retail and commercial districts. It’s a great example of how the citizens of Parma can play an active role in determining the future of their neighborhoods and their city.”

Representatives of St. Vladimir, St. Josaphat, Cleveland Self Reliance Credit Union, Osnova Credit Union, LVIV and State Meats will work with the City’s Community Services & Economic Development Department staff on the project.

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